

### **2030 (g). Fixed Veterinary Premises—Separate Surgery Room.**

(g) A veterinary premises which provides aseptic surgical services shall comply with the following:

(1) A room, separate and distinct from all other rooms shall be reserved for aseptic surgical procedures which require aseptic preparation. Storage in the surgery room shall be limited to items and equipment normally related to surgery and surgical procedures. A veterinarian may perform emergency aseptic surgical procedures in another room when the room designated for aseptic surgery is occupied or temporarily unavailable.

(A) A veterinary premises which is currently registered with the board, but does not have a separate room reserved for aseptic surgical procedures because it was registered with the board prior to January 1, 1981, shall obtain compliance with the subdivision on or before January 1, 2004.

(B) The board may exempt a veterinary premises which is currently registered with the board, but does not have a separate aseptic surgery room, where it determines that it would be a hardship for the veterinary premises to comply with the provisions of subsection (g)(1).

In determining whether a hardship exists, the board shall give due consideration to the following factors:

1. Zoning limitations.

2. Whether the premises constitutes a historical building.

3. Whether compliance with this requirement would compel the veterinary practice to relocate to a new location.

(2) The surgery room shall be well-lighted, shall have an operational viewing box for reviewing radiographs and shall have effective emergency lighting.

(3) The floors, table tops, and counter tops of the surgery room shall be of a material suitable for regular disinfecting, and cleaning, and shall be cleaned and disinfected regularly.

(4) Surgical instruments and equipment shall be:

(A) Adequate for the type of surgical service provided.

(B) Sterilized by a method acceptable for the type of surgery for which they will be used.

(5) In any sterile procedure, a separate sterile pack shall be used for each animal.

(6) All instruments, packs and equipment that have been sterilized shall have an indicator that reacts to and verifies sterilization.

(7) The following attire shall be required for aseptic surgery:

(A) Each member of the surgical team shall put on an appropriate sanitary cap and sanitary mask which covers his or her hair and mouth, nose and any facial hair, except for eyebrows or eyelashes. All members of the surgical team who will be handling the instruments or touching the surgical site shall wear sterilized surgical gowns with long sleeves and sterilized gloves.

(B) Ancillary personnel in the surgery room shall wear clean clothing and footwear. Sanitary cap and mask shall be required of personnel in the immediate proximity of the sterile field.

(h) When performing clean surgery, the instruments used to perform such surgery shall have been sterilized and the surgeon(s) and ancillary personnel shall wear clean clothing and footwear when appropriate.

For purposes of this section, “clean surgery” shall mean the performance of a surgical operation for the treatment of a condition and under circumstances which, consistent with the standards of good veterinary medicine, do not warrant the use of aseptic surgical procedures.